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We have proposed a colloquium on "Perinatal Effects of Nicotine Exposure" to be organized for the 11th Biennial meeting of the International Society for Developmental Neuroscience, which will be held in Tampere, Finland, July 30 - August 3, 1996. The speakers and the titles of their contributions are the following:

Abel Lajtha, The Nathan S. Kline Institute for Psychiatric Research, Orangeburg, NY, Introduction

Alan Collins, Institute of Behavior Genetics, University of Colorado at Boulder, "Modulation of Nicotine and Genetic Factors of Brain Nicotinic Receptor Development"

Francesco Clementi, CNR Center of Cytopharmacology and Department of Medical Pharmacology, University of Milan, Italy, "Expression of neuronal nicotinic receptor subtypes during development of rat brain"

Per Eriksson, Department of Environmental Toxicology, Uppsala University, Sweden, "Environmental factors effects on development of nicotinic receptors and behavior in neonatal mouse"

Agneta Nordberg, Department of Clinical Neuroscience and Family Medicine, Karolinska Institute, Sweden, "Developmental regulation of nicotinic receptor subunit mRNA in rat brain and effect of nicotine exposure"

The speakers will review the various effects of nicotine on the development of the nervous system and on endocrine, receptor, and metabolic systems, and will also review the developmental regulation of the nicotinic receptor system with and without nicotine exposure. The developmental aspects of nicotine effects and of the nicotinic system have not been studied in detail in the past, and interest was focused on

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it only recently in a few leading laboratories. We feel that the colloquium would stimulate interest in the possibilities of future research in this area, and would engender future important contributions. The International Society for Developmental Neuroscience meeting would be a very suitable occasion for such a colloquium. The organizers of this colloquium, Drs. Nordberg and Lajtha, have proposed this colloquium to the Program Committee of the meeting, which had many more proposals than could be accommodated on the program, but they have accepted our proposal on nicotine. We feel that we have selected the leading contributors to this area of research, and the discussion promises to be very successful. The invited speakers have agreed to participate, but they indicated the need for financial support, to be able to come to the meeting.

For help through contributing to the travel expenses of the participants, I would like to request $900 for each of the American participants, $600 for the Italian, and $250 each for the Swedish participants, for a total sum of $2,900. If additional help would be possible, a contribution of $200 to each, and hotel and for registration expenses would be a great help, making the final sum of $3,900

It is likely that without support we will have to withdraw this colloquium from the program.

I hope the Council for Tobacco Research will find that this colloquium is worthy of their support.

Sincerely,

Abel Lajtha

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